

Senate Passes LODGE CRITICISES WILSON'S LETTER

Terms It an Unfair and Unfortunate Reflection on France—Does Not Approve of President's Position on Adriatic Problem.

Declares Qualifications Would in Effect Virtually Nullify Pact. Great Britain and Japan Begin to Find Common Interest in Pacific.

TEXT OF MOOTED ARTICLE X AND THE PROPOSED LODGE RESERVATION

Article X of World Peace Treaty.

"The members of the league undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league. In case of any such aggression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression, the council shall advise upon the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled."

"The United States assumes no obligation to preserve the territorial integrity or political independence of any other country or to interfere in controversies between nations—whether members of the league or not—under the provisions of Article X, or to employ the military or naval forces of the United States under any article of the treaty for any purpose, unless in any particular case the congress, which under the Constitution has the sole power to declare war or authorize the employment of the military or naval forces of the United States, shall by act or joint resolution so provide."

Washington, March 9.—(I. N. S.)—What he termed an "unfair and unfortunate reflection on France," in the president's latest letter to Senator Hitchcock on the treaty, was severely criticized in the senate this afternoon by Senator Lodge, the republican leader.

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Senator Owen, democrat, Oklahoma, who has voted for many reservations, said he refused to be a party to the defeat of the treaty or to its defeat.

"To keep the United States out of the league because of the very small differences between the president and Senator Lodge would be defeating a very great end for a very small one," said he.

"I do not think that it is something that should be said about France, and I regret exceedingly such a reflection upon one of our allies in the great war," Lodge said.

"I feel we owe France a very great debt of gratitude for her part in the war."

"I am sorry the president saw fit to say what he did about France. I regret also the president has seen fit to assume the position he has in the Adriatic dispute."

"That Italy should desire to protect herself by holding the strategic points in the Adriatic is only right under the pact of London. Since when has it become a crime for Italy to protect herself? She has asked senate," Owen said.

WILSON'S LETTER GIVES NEW HOPE FOR DEMOCRATS

Washington, March 9.—President Wilson's letter to Senator Hitchcock outlining anew his stand on reservations to the peace treaty, gave a new angle today to the ratification fight in the senate, where debate has been limited by unanimous consent in an effort to hurry a decision.

Although the president did not say what reservations he would accept or reject, he declared that almost all the qualifications suggested were "in effect virtual nullifications" of the pact. To weaken Article X of the league of nations covenant, he said, would be to cut the "very heart" from it. While there was no objection to stating the constitutional methods by which obligations under Article X would have to be fulfilled, the president continued, it was mere supererogation to do so, inasmuch as all the great powers recognized in framing the treaty that it was subject, in execution, to the constitutional safeguards imposed by each country. Special interest was evidenced by senators in that part of the letter dealing with militaristic ambitions of other great powers. The president declared that the military party of France was in control of the government there and that "imperialistic policies were by no means dead in the councils of the nations whom we most trust." Without Article X, he said, there could be no certainty of renunciation of plans for territorial aggrandizement at the expense of weaker peoples, whereas under it, the old pretensions of political conquest would be abandoned. The president mentioned specifically in this connection that Great Britain and Japan before the war had begun to find many interests in common in the Pacific.

TEXT OF WILSON'S LETTER TO HITCHCOCK

Washington, March 9.—President Wilson restated for democratic senators yesterday his opposition to any peace treaty reservations which would weaken the full force of Article X or otherwise materially impair the provisions of the league covenant.

Without saying specifically what qualification he would or would not accept, he wrote a letter to Senator

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Form of Reservation to Article X Changed With Assent of Republicans.

Lodge May Present It in Senate—Hitchcock Not Pledged Yet.

Washington, March 9.—A modified draft of the republican Article X reservation to the peace treaty is understood to have been presented today by a number of republican leaders working with the democrats for a ratification compromise.

The new reservation was said to follow in general the outline of the original republican proposal adopted last November, but to contain a number of changes in wording agreed to at the suggestion of democrats.

Republican senators who helped work on the modifications in the compromise negotiations seemed confident that the new reservation would have the approval of Senator Lodge, republican, of Massachusetts, and even expressed hope that he himself might offer it in the senate.

It was understood, however, that the democratic leader, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, had not given his assent to it.

The text of the modified Article X reservation as it is understood to have been assented to by the republican leaders is as follows:

"The United States assumes no obligation to employ its military or naval forces to preserve the territorial integrity or political independence of any other country, or to interfere in controversies between nations, whether members of the league or not, under the provisions of Article X, or to employ the military or naval forces of the United States under any article of the treaty for any purpose, unless in any particular case the congress, in the exercise of full liberty of action, shall by act or joint resolution so declare."

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"I prefer Article X as it is, but I am prepared for the sake of passing the treaty and getting the advantages of it, to yield to the demand of a majority of my colleagues in the senate," Owen said.

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Several Hundred Dead in Quake West of Tiflis

Tiflis, Feb. 24, via Constantinople, March 8.—(A. P.)—Several hundred persons are dead and thousands of others are homeless as a result of an earthquake today which destroyed Makhet, Grakali and other villages within a radius of sixty miles west of Tiflis.

WILSON OPINION ON TURK ASKED

Allied Premiers Take Precaution Against President's Veto of Their Action.

HOPE U. S. SHARES BURDEN

French Call Lloyd George's Plan a Stand-Play in Constantinople

Paris, Feb. 24.—Premier Millerand has just told Jules J. Jassard, French ambassador in Washington, and Enver Pasha in Constantinople, that the United States will not share the burden of the Turkish settlement, which Washington dispatches foreboded, he continues. "Hope is still entertained, however, that America will shoulder her part of the oriental burden."

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Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain, proposed on Friday, says "Pettinax," a "grand theatrical demonstration at Constantinople, the occupation of the war ministry, the arrest of statesmen working against the allies and the establishment of a moderate conciliatory cabinet for the existing semi-anarchic ministry."

"The Paris ministry has persistently pointed out that such blustering intervention could only make things worse," the writer says, "but it is improbable Mr. Lloyd George will be convinced, for he has engaged in an internal political maneuver to appease the 'nonconformist' congress." Premier Millerand gained a few moments of peace by stipulating no action would be taken until the reply of the allied high commissioners at Constantinople was received.

Italy Holds Aloof.

Rome, March 9.—(A. P.)—Italy will associate herself with the allies only in diplomatic steps to be taken regarding Constantinople, says the newspaper Popolo Italiano, which declares the nation's objects in Asia Minor are of a purely economic character.

Powerful Fleet.

London, March 9.—The fleet which Great Britain is sending into Turkish waters contains some of the most powerful warships in the world. Advice from Tunis today said that it included the super-dreadnought Queen Elizabeth, the Humber and some dreadnoughts. The Queen Elizabeth took part in the ill-starred attempt to force the Dardanelles during the war.

CALLS M'ADOO EXTRAVAGANT

Senator Kellogg Says Former Secretary Cost Nation Over Billion Dollars.

Washington, March 9.—Charges that William G. McAdoo, with "wild extravagance," had cost the government more than a billion dollars were made in the senate this afternoon by Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota.

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Panama Shaken By Explosion

Windows Shattered—Tanker Had Only Recently Been Refueled After Fire.

Panama, March 9.—Buildings were shaken and windows shattered all over the city Saturday by an explosion in the hull of the United States shipping board tanker Marne, which was recently refueled after having been sunk by gunfire following the outbreak of fire on board. The Marne was raised late last month and towed to a dock at Cristobal and was being refitted when the explosion took place. Last reports stated that fire was still burning in the hull of the tanker and it is probable that gas which collected in the hull was ignited, causing the explosion.

\$25,000 BLAZE ON CHERRY ST.

Building Occupied by Kelly Cigar Company Is Badly Damaged.

SECOND FIRE RECENTLY

Fire which broke out in a room over the Kelly Cigar company's place at 719 Cherry street Tuesday morning about 7 o'clock did damage estimated at \$25,000 before it was finally extinguished.

The gutted third story of the building, the brick walls and charred beams being about all that was left. Both the first and second floors suffered heavily from water damage. The cigar company's place was a veritable lake.

Fire companies quickly responded to the alarm turned in to headquarters and soon had the blaze under control.

It is thought that the fire started in a grate in an upstairs room.

Only a short time ago the Kentucky hotel, the Lookout billiard hall and the Kelly Cigar company were badly damaged by fire and water. Work of getting the Lookout in shape is now going on and it will be several days before it is finished. Only a small quantity of water found in the Lookout's rear billiard room Tuesday morning, but a lot of chairs and other equipment were damaged by water.

On Monday morning W. D. Bowers, proprietor of the Lookout, noticed smoke coming from an upper story and he went up to investigate. He found the room filled with smoke and the fire was out of control.

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PLAN CLEAN-UP FOR WHOLE CITY

Health Department Will Ask Aid of Various Civic Bodies.

SHACKS WILL BE RAZED

Wise and Reevin Ordered to Improve Market Square Property.

The Rotary club, the Chattanooga Real Estate exchange, as well as other civic bodies and the county health organization, will be asked to cooperate with the city health department, which will be started March 15 by the city health department. The main object which will be in view during the campaign, according to Chief Sanitary Inspector Charles Weigel, will be to "clean up the city," and this will be the health department's motto.

Inspector Weigel will send out letters at once to members of the real estate exchange and just as soon as Commissioner Frazier returns from Florida the matter will be brought up before the other organizations, including the Rotary club. The health department will not be asked for financial aid, but for their support in a moral way during the drive.

The real estate exchange members will be called upon to assist the department in having unsightly buildings and all of property improved. Mr. Weigel said this morning that the people owning property will be appealed to from a dollar and a cent viewpoint. He pointed out that property that is on the market for sale can be sold much easier if it is kept in a clean, sanitary condition.

One of the first things to be taken up by the inspectors, declared Mr. Weigel this morning, will be that of the city of Chattanooga. He said that the city of Chattanooga is a city of the future and it is the duty of the city to keep it clean and sanitary.

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ONLY ARTICLE X LEFT FOR DISPOSAL

BITTER ENDERS
READY TO FIGHT

Determined Not to Allow Death of Treaty Without Making Wilson Responsible.

Washington, March 9.—(I. N. S.)—Republican leaders declared today they do not propose to permit the peace treaty to "be killed" in the senate without first seeking to place full responsibility for its defeat on President Wilson.

They are prepared to meet the president squarely in the campaign on the issue of reservations or no reservations, on the Americanization of the treaty, as described in the president's latest letter to Senator Hitchcock.

The republican leaders decided to make the administration side one last offer of a compromise on Article X. Senator Watson, of Indiana, one of their number, was selected to join with Senators Kellogg, of Minnesota, and Hale, of Maine, two of the republican "mild reservationists," in preparing such a compromise.

The decision of the republican leaders was discussed at a conference in Senator Lodge's office at which Elihu Root was present. Mr. Root agreed with them there was scant prospect for ratification and "if a break had come," he was "glad it had come on Article X."

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